1	BEFORE THE
2	ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION
2	IN THE MATTER OF:
3	TINDA M CORDON
4	LINDA M. GORDON,)
F	vs) No. 16-0305
5	COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY)
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7	<pre>Complaint as to meter tampering,) Unseal seal/unlocked in) Chicago, Illinois.)</pre>
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9	Chicago, Illinois July 13, 2016
10	Met pursuant to notice at 11:00 a.m.
11	BEFORE:
12	MS. HEATHER JORGENSON, Administrative Law Judge
13	APPEARANCES:
14	MS. LINDA M. GORDON
15	300 State Street, Apartment 2226 Chicago, Illinois 60654
16	Appearing pro se;
17	GRAHAM & GRAHAM, by MS. REBECCA GRAHAM
18	LaSalle Street, Suite Chicago, Illinois 606
19	Appearing on behalf of Commonwealth Edison Company.
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22	SULLIVAN REPORTING COMPANY, by Tracy L. Overocker, CSR

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- 1 JUDGE JORGENSON: Pursuant to the direction of
- 2 the Illinois Commerce Commission, I now call
- 3 Docket 16-0305.
- 4 This is Linda M. Gordon versus
- 5 Commonwealth Edison company. This is a complaint as
- 6 to meter tampering, unseal seal/unlocked in Chicago,
- 7 Illinois.
- 8 May I have appearances for the record,
- 9 please.
- 10 MS. GRAHAM: Yes. On behalf of Commonwealth
- 11 Edison Company, Rebecca Graham, 33 North LaSalle
- 12 Street, Suite 2200, Chicago, Illinois 60602. My
- 13 telephone number is (312) 505-8155 and with me this
- 14 morning is Aaron Jiminez (phonetic) from ComEd along
- 15 with two witnesses.
- 16 JUDGE JORGENSON: Thank you. Let the record
- 17 reflect that Miss Gordon has not appeared. This
- 18 matter was scheduled for a hearing at 11:00 a.m. It
- 19 is now 11:17. I am going to give Miss Gordon another
- 20 opportunity to appear and present her case for an
- 21 evidentiary hearing currently scheduled for
- 22 September 7th at 11:00 o'clock a.m.

- 1 Is there anything further for the
- 2 record today?
- 3 MS. GRAHAM: Nothing further, Judge.
- 4 JUDGE JORGENSON: All right. This matter is
- 5 adjourned until September.
- 6 (Discussion off the record.)
- 7 I just adjourned this until September
- 8 and set a date for September 7th. However,
- 9 Miss Gordon just walked into the room, so we're going
- 10 to go ahead and go forward with the evidentiary
- 11 hearing today.
- 12 Miss Gordon, we'll give you a couple
- 13 minutes.
- 14 Off the record.
- 15 (Break taken.)
- 16 (Whereupon, ComEd
- 17 Exhibit Nos. 1 through 3 were
- 18 marked for identification.)
- JUDGE JORGENSON: Miss Gordon, can you please
- 20 state your name, address and telephone number for the
- 21 record.
- MS. LINDA GORDON: Yes. Linda. First name

- 1 Linda. Middle initial M., Gordon, G-o-r-d-o-n,
- 2 300 North State, S-t-a-t-e, Street, Unit 2226,
- 3 Chicago, Illinois 60654.
- 4 JUDGE JORGENSON: Okay. And Miss Graham
- 5 already entered her appearance for the record.
- 6 Miss Gordon, since you will be
- 7 testifying on your own behalf, I'm going to swear you
- 8 in. Can you please right your rate hand.
- 9 (Witness sworn.)
- 10 JUDGE JORGENSON: Okay. Would you like to come
- 11 up to the stand and bring whatever documents you
- intend to enter as part of the record with you.
- 13 They're not marked and when you want
- 14 to introduce them, we'll introduce them and we'll get
- 15 copies to them --
- 16 MS. LINDA GORDON: Okay. Have a seat?
- 17 JUDGE JORGENSON: -- you're going to be
- 18 testifying --
- 19 MS. LINDA GORDON: Okay. All right.
- 20 JUDGE JORGENSON: -- unless you would be more
- 21 comfortable down there.
- MS. LINDA GORDON: Yeah, I guess.

- 1 JUDGE JORGENSON: Okay. Take your documents
- 2 with you.
- 3 MS. LINDA GORDON: Thank you.
- 4 JUDGE JORGENSON: All right. Miss Gordon, you
- 5 have the burden of proof, so you will be good first
- 6 to present your case and you just testify as to what
- 7 your claim is and --
- 8 MS. LINDA GORDON: Okay. My claim is -- okay.
- 9 My claim is for meter tampering. Back here in 2015,
- 10 around August, I requested for a meter technician to
- 11 come out to read the meter. What brought me to
- 12 this -- to the attention of my bills being
- 13 exceedingly high -- now, I kind of noticed it back in
- 14 20 -- really, '12, '13, somewhere around there, but I
- 15 didn't really, you know, call at that time, you know,
- 16 I'm like -- well, I didn't really say well, maybe
- 17 it's gone up, they increased -- probably gone up
- 18 because I did receive a letter saying it was going to
- 19 increase within that -- 2013, it was a small
- 20 percentage; but back in 2015, once again, I requested
- 21 for a meter technician to come out.
- The first technician came out upon my

- 1 request. When he came out, he knocked on my door.
- 2 Evidentially, he must have went to the meter first
- 3 before he had knocked on my door because what he had
- 4 saw. So he had addressed it to me. As we were
- 5 walking, he said, Miss Gordon, bring your camera or
- 6 cell phone with that you can take pictures out there.
- 7 I said, What's going on? He said, Well, you need to
- 8 see this. So I went towards the -- you know, to the
- 9 left of my unit -- my apartment, which I never knew
- 10 and you've been there about 20 years -- I never knew
- 11 that the meter was on that particular floor -- now I
- 12 know now that they're on every other floor -- so him
- 13 and I start to look over and the first thing I
- 14 notice, he said, Look at that. I said, Oh, my God.
- 15 So I noticed the lock on that meter -- my particular
- 16 meter because you have meters in all units for
- 17 that -- on that particular floor. Now, some of them
- 18 are -- you know, the meter room has for the -- I'm on
- 19 the 22nd floor, so my unit is 2226. So I look --
- 20 mines was up ahead, so I looked up on the board just
- 21 like the one behind you and he showed me -- he
- 22 started showing me, he said, Well, as I begin to

- 1 explain to you -- take the picture, I'm going to let
- 2 you take the first picture of this first and he said,
- 3 Once you take the picture, I'm going to put a seal
- 4 because it should never have been. He said, This is
- 5 meter tampering. He said, Miss Gordon, I have a
- 6 question for you. I said, Go right ahead. So after
- 7 I had taken the pictures, he said, The bills that
- 8 you've been getting -- and I knew, you know, I mean,
- 9 I kind of had an idea because I was seeing the
- 10 fluctuation back in 2013, I'm seeing the fluctuation,
- 11 I'm seeing the, the -- you know, on the bill there's
- 12 bars and they show you the kilo -- he said, When you
- 13 read that, that should show you something, too. If
- 14 it's going up and down, be careful. Pay close
- 15 attention to that once you get your bill and I said,
- 16 Sir, that's ironic that you said that because I do --
- 17 I said, I do remember back in the past and I have
- 18 bills of my -- past bills, but I don't have the ones
- 19 back in 2013 and '12. And so I begin to look at it
- 20 and I brought one. I went back into my apartment and
- 21 he said, I'm going to come -- I'll get back with you.
- He said, I'll knock on your door and let you see

- 1 because I had saw what he was doing. He said, Now, I
- 2 put the seal on it. He said, Another thing, your
- 3 meter -- he said, This is another problem, he said,
- 4 Your meter is going faster than -- now, your neighbor
- 5 next door which is 2227, I'm seeing the flow of his
- 6 meter and it was reading high. I know that it should
- 7 be -- I'm like, it should be going like at -- after
- 8 he gave me the conversation about the meter flow, I
- 9 said, You -- That does make sense. He said, Your
- 10 meter is going exceedingly fast. It should never be
- 11 like that. He said, Miss Gordon, I'm going to
- 12 install -- I'm going to put a new lock on it and
- 13 install a rim which is on the pictures of the
- 14 evidence here. He said, I'm going to reinstall that.
- 15 He said, I want you to take pictures of that, too.
- 16 So I began to look at the other meters that --
- 17 outside of my own meter and he said, Yours is the
- only one that's moving. He said, Now, this one is
- 19 pretty -- going fast, too. So there's maybe a couple
- 20 of us -- a couple of unit -- the resident's unit -- I
- 21 mean, we're going pretty fast. He said, But for your
- 22 meter, I'm going to put a new lock and stay right

- 1 here now. He said, Take another picture of this one.
- 2 I said, I was going to do that, sir. So he said, And
- 3 what you need to do after I'm completed, make sure
- 4 that you call back and request for another meter
- 5 reader to come out to see what the difference is. He
- 6 said, But be aware of your readings and I said, I
- 7 will. He said, Make sure. I said, Because you know
- 8 what, you're right, on those bars, it's fluctuating,
- 9 it's going -- he said, That's another -- it should
- 10 never be.
- 11 So the second time I called, I think
- 12 was around September. I addressed it back in August
- 13 for the second -- to the -- ComEd to have someone to
- 14 come out because I explained to them what was going
- on, of course, they said that the guy didn't say it,
- 16 but I wasn't going to argue the issue because I knew
- 17 what he said to me and he was a very honest guy and
- 18 he said, This is -- this should never be and I asked
- 19 him, What his title? He said he was a senior tech.
- 20 I even have his name. I would his name down and he
- 21 said, This should never be.
- 22 So once again, the second time that I

- 1 called, I called to have -- which he had told me,
- 2 which I was going to do that -- I called to have him
- 3 come back out.
- When the second guy came out, he
- 5 knocked on the door --
- 6 JUDGE JORGENSON: And this is in September
- 7 of 2015?
- 8 MS. LINDA GORDON: This is September now. I
- 9 made the appointment for -- I made the appointment in
- 10 August for -- they had an appointment for us around
- 11 September if I have my notice here.
- 12 Yeah, the second time I called, it was
- 13 a young lady I spoke with. Her name was Arion
- 14 (phonetic) from ComEd and she was the one -- she's a
- 15 manager she said she he did not -- you know, she was
- 16 saying that -- totally different, which I don't
- 17 really -- you know, of course, you know, like the
- only thing I felt they were trying to back the
- 19 company, to being honest with you. So I'm saying,
- 20 Ma'am, I'm not here to argue. She said, No. No.
- 21 No. No. She said, What I can do, I can have --
- 22 someone will come out and the -- second reading to

- 1 see what's -- you know, you could make another
- 2 appointment. I said, That's what I want, I said, But
- 3 once again, ma'am, I know that the pictures that I've
- 4 taken -- and I don't feel that this guy had no reason
- 5 to lie -- I'm right in front of him, so she took take
- 6 the information down. So at that time, she said,
- 7 We're going to have to call you back and she said,
- 8 Someone will be calling you back and at that time, I
- 9 knew my rights as a customer. You know, I said, I'm
- 10 just going by the chain of command, the second
- 11 thing -- you know, I'm trying to be fair, you know,
- 12 because with my evidence, I could have just went out
- 13 and dealt with an attorney. So then at that time, I
- 14 said, ma'am, I'm here to work with you guys. I said,
- Now, I do want a second appointment -- a second guy
- 16 to come out. I said, Because this should never have
- 17 been. I said, First and foremost, any time a meter
- is -- a meter seal, which is a seal, that was
- 19 unsealed, that's meter tampering. Someone had to
- 20 take that off, you know, and tampering I said, My
- 21 bills -- I mean, my bills were exceedingly high and,
- 22 you know, I'm like something was -- you know,

- 1 something was not right and when I showed it to your
- 2 guy -- one of my bills -- and he was telling that
- 3 shouldn't be and address it to the office and he
- 4 said, Miss Gordon, make sure you take the pictures
- 5 and I explained it all to her on the phone, she said,
- 6 Well, Miss Gordon, we're going send out another
- 7 person. She said, Thank you for, you know,
- 8 addressing this. She said, I'm going to send another
- 9 person out.
- 10 At that time, they did -- around
- 11 September now -- she sent another guy out. The guy
- 12 knocked -- I mean, he's a technician, not a senior
- 13 tech, just a regular tech. He came out, knocked on
- 14 the door and he said, Miss Gordon, I don't see no
- 15 activity. He said -- I said, Pardon me? What are
- 16 you talking about, sir? I said -- he said, Well,
- 17 we're going to make sure that -- he said, you said --
- 18 I was told that the meter was going fast and
- 19 whatever. He said, Now, I'm going to come back. He
- 20 said, Go back into your apartment and come back and
- 21 he said, I'll come back and knock on your door and he
- 22 did just that. He knocked on the door. He said,

- 1 Now, you can go back and see it's not going fast any
- 2 more.
- 3 So -- I wasn't really comfortable with
- 4 him -- some of the things he was saying. I can't
- 5 recall a lot of some of the things. It seemed, as
- 6 if, to me, he was trying to protect his company and
- 7 so I said, Sir, thank you, but I refused to let you
- 8 make me to believe that something is different
- 9 because I have my evidence. I know what's going on.
- 10 I've been in the building for 20 years. I have
- 11 neighbors that shared things with me and I said, What
- 12 prompted me to this was my neighbor was the one that
- 13 gave me the conversation -- minding my business,
- 14 going into my apartment, I had groceries in my hands
- 15 and he stopped me and he said, Have your bills --
- 16 your bill is pretty high. He said, My bill is pretty
- 17 high in here. I said, Pardon me? He said -- I said,
- 18 What are you saying, sir? He said, My bills have
- 19 been running pretty high. What is your bill
- 20 around -- in the monthly? And I said, Well, I
- 21 didn't, you know, really wanted (sic) to answer him
- 22 because I just felt that something wasn't right with

- 1 what he was trying to, you know, say to me and the
- 2 first thing I was saying, I said, So what are you
- 3 saying? So, he said to me, he said, Well -- I said,
- 4 Sir, I've been here for a while, I don't know what to
- 5 tell you. I said, if your bill is that -- if it's
- 6 300, that's pretty high. So he starts telling me
- 7 it's 300. So at that time, each day I would go --
- 8 when I come home, I would go to the meter room, I
- 9 will look at his meter, which is 2227, no activity.
- 10 His is going like very, very, very slow. Mine is
- 11 continued to go fast. After the second guy came out,
- 12 now, he comes back at the door and knocked on the
- door and said, Miss Gordon, it's not moving fast any
- 14 more. After he had left what I didn't feel
- 15 comfortable with what he was telling me, so I said,
- 16 Okay. I said, Okay. Thank you so much. You have a
- 17 nice day.
- 18 So after he left, I went for maybe
- 19 about an hour. I went back, it's zooming, just going
- 20 back just like it was before. You know, so then at
- 21 that time -- I said enough is enough, let me call
- 22 Illinois Commerce and let them know and the young

- 1 lady her name is Mrs. Barb Lanford (phonetic). At
- 2 that time, Mrs. Lanford -- I addressed it with her
- 3 and she told me what to do and she said, When you can
- 4 set up for a hearing? I said, Yes, because this
- 5 needs to be addressed and I'm only trying to be fair
- 6 because it should not -- never happen. I'm -- I'm
- 7 not only looking for myself, I'm looking at -- for
- 8 other residents. We have elderly people in the
- 9 building and this could be going on because, like I
- 10 said, once this first guy came out when he had me to
- 11 look at my meter, which is my first and foremost
- 12 concern, I looked around at other meters and I did
- 13 see two other meters going fast even though on that
- 14 particular floor where I'm on, we have some
- 15 vacancies, but I do know that the meter flow should
- 16 be going at a rate which the first guy told me, the
- 17 senior tech, and then another thing he had told me --
- 18 and I kind of knew that -- my power box is inside my
- 19 apartment. It's inside the -- my closest in my
- 20 bathroom area and when you shut down all the power,
- 21 and the meter is still going on, I mean, the flow of
- 22 the -- it's still going, something is not right and

- 1 it was still going. The power was shut down and then
- 2 I happened to be out and I stopped to get a bite to
- 3 eat for lunch and I happened to run into one of the
- 4 ComEd -- it was -- he was a worker for ComEd, I don't
- 5 know if he was a manager, and I was asking him
- 6 questions and whatever and he told me some things --
- 7 the same thing like the guy that -- the senior tech,
- 8 he said, Miss, the only thing -- he said, No, he
- 9 said, If you shut down power -- that's what I asked
- 10 him -- I said, If you shut down power, should a
- 11 meter, sir, be running? He says, No, if it's shut
- down, the meter flow would not be running.
- Now, when I turn off everything in my
- 14 apartment, without the exception of the -- shut down,
- it's going to still -- it's supposed to be moving at
- 16 a medium -- you know, at a disarate (sic). It's
- 17 still supposedly -- this is what he's telling me as
- 18 well, but I already knew that and the technician --
- 19 the first technician, the senior tech that came out,
- 20 he told me the same thing. He said, Now, go back in
- 21 your apartment. Turn off the -- the -- all the --
- 22 not the power. He said, Just turn off -- he said,

- 1 I'm going to show you, now, when you turn off things,
- 2 I did just that, it was still -- it was still going
- 3 fast. He said, Now, you look at the other meters and
- 4 I asked the neighbor of mine that live in the
- 5 building, he said, You're right, this shouldn't -- he
- 6 said, No, mine's not -- you know, average -- you
- 7 know, averages. I asked him what the average --
- 8 because I know the average use that I normally used,
- 9 you know what I'm saying, it's exceedingly high 200
- and \$300 and off my limited funds that I had been off
- 11 because I was taking off work and then I had -- one
- 12 year, back in 2014, literally had to go apply by --
- 13 someone had referred me, I didn't know and she said,
- 14 Oh, yeah, they could -- I was kinda like, no, that's
- for a person that really can't do really -- is
- 16 really, really can't financially afford their bill
- 17 and she says, No, you meet the guidelines because
- 18 after I retired, they was in the process of getting
- 19 my payments, my annuity back to where it should be
- 20 and at that time, I said, Well... She said, No, you
- 21 have the right. And I said, I don't want to nothing
- 22 that's -- she said, No. No. No. No. You go over

- 1 here and I recall it's over on LaSalle Street and
- 2 they had paid like \$600 because I was eligible for
- 3 that and that was back in 2014 and -- no, I retired
- 4 in 2013. So back in 2014, this is when they did that
- 5 and I'm looking at all the bills and I said, Thank
- 6 God I kept some of my bills that -- I showed the guy,
- 7 he said, No, that should never be, which is the
- 8 guy -- I'm saying the first technician and I showed
- 9 him a couple and he said, You see this, this should
- 10 never be. Something is not right. He said, That's
- 11 meter tampering and then the guy that I saw, the
- 12 couple, they said the same thing and I was in
- 13 Michigan recently and, you know, I'm like, I know,
- 14 you know whatever.
- So to make a long story short, what I
- 16 did -- when I take when I took the pictures and the
- 17 second guy that came out, he did not -- after he
- 18 left, he had told me to go to the back into the meter
- 19 room and -- while he was there and whatever. He
- 20 said, I want you to come back and whatever, but I was
- 21 not comfortable with some of the things that he was
- 22 saying, once again, it seemed like he was trying to

- 1 protect the company, you know, whatever. I said,
- 2 Okay. You have a nice day. So I did go back on my
- 3 own about a hour, it's going haywires (sic), haywires
- 4 (sic), it's still going haywires (sic), it's going
- 5 (indicating). The speed limit -- the speed that it
- 6 was going, of course, the bills are going to go up,
- 7 you know --
- JUDGE JORGENSON: Did you ever have another
- 9 technician come out after that, after September?
- 10 MS. LINDA GORDON: After the second time?
- 11 JUDGE JORGENSON: Mm-hmm.
- MS. LINDA GORDON: No, ma'am. No, Judge, no.
- JUDGE JORGENSON: Did you ever request any sort
- of testing for the meter?
- MS. LINDA GORDON: Yeah. The second guy --
- 16 that's good that you asked that question. The second
- 17 guy that came out. He had tested -- he said Oh,
- 18 everything shows all right. I said, I find it hard
- 19 to believe. I said, Because any time a seal is
- 20 unsealed, that's -- first and another most, that's
- 21 unlawful and for my bill to be the way it had been
- 22 and I know -- I've been there for many years and the

- 1 small increases that they had given and I started
- 2 doing little tech -- changing things, I had a little
- 3 pattern going just to see, you know, I would come
- 4 in -- home, I would look at the meter. Before they
- 5 changed all of -- now all of the meters are new now
- 6 and they are accurate, they are going the way they
- 7 should be, you know, because any time -- once, again,
- 8 the meter is -- if you are in -- if you are away from
- 9 your home, if you leave something on, it should still
- 10 should have a meter flow.
- 11 And then at times when I would check
- 12 it after the second guy came out, it was going real
- 13 haywires (sic) and then -- I waited for, like, maybe
- 14 like about a week and then it would be at a
- 15 standstill. It wouldn't move at all. It wasn't
- 16 moving and then it just started back going haywire
- 17 and the guy -- I kept paying attention to my
- 18 neighbor's. His was like -- I would go -- when I
- 19 would go out to look at it, it seemed like his was
- 20 fine. Then when I would go -- as soon as I go in the
- 21 room to look at the -- his was 2227, his unit is 2227
- 22 and I'm hearing the voice inside, you know, he -- I'm

- 1 hearing someone inside, not trying to be -- invade no
- one's privacy, but the units are so close, my unit is
- 3 close to his unit and I could hear a voice like he
- 4 was on the phone, but then his meter is going like at
- 5 a -- it's still going at a standstill because, I
- 6 mean, it's going the way it should be going.
- 7 JUDGE JORGENSON: All right. So if I
- 8 understand, do you still have that same meter on
- 9 your --
- 10 MS. LINDA GORDON: No, ma'am, no Judge.
- 11 JUDGE JORGENSON: Okay.
- MS. LINDA GORDON: No. They had changed --
- 13 that's ironic that you asked that question. They had
- 14 sent me out a letter -- all the residents a letter of
- 15 new meters being installed. So they changed -- I
- 16 haven't went -- because I went on other floors and
- 17 there's another -- and I'm glad you asked that
- 18 question -- because when they -- brought up that
- 19 question, sorry -- they sent letters out and I asked
- 20 neighbors of mine to see if they got letters, they
- 21 said they're going to change the meters, but what I
- 22 did, I looked at my meter room and it's -- it's been

- 1 changed; but before they changed them, I went on the
- 2 floors of my -- some of my neighbors and I'm seeing
- just a few, I'm just checking certain things and I'm
- 4 seeing -- like I told my neighbor, I said -- she
- 5 showed me her bills and we compare bills --
- 6 JUDGE JORGENSON: When did they change your
- 7 meter?
- 8 MS. LINDA GORDON: I'd say about -- this is
- 9 July -- they must have changed it about
- 10 three months -- three or four months ago, somewhere
- 11 around there. Somewhere around -- because this is
- 12 July, May, April, June, July. They changed around
- 13 April, March I think it was. March -- between March
- and April I think it was because a few of my
- 15 neighbors said they had the same problem and they had
- 16 to address it and, you know, ComEd had taken care --
- 17 you know, and one of my neighbors, that -- I could
- 18 easily use for a witness, she was telling me things
- 19 to do and I already knew what to do and whatever and
- 20 she said, Linda, I'm glad you address it. She said,
- 21 I had the same problem, but she had her's resolved.
- 22 She said, That should never be. You are in a

- 1 condominium, you're in a complex that could happen.
- JUDGE JORGENSON: Okay. So in your complaint,
- 3 it mentions that you've been disconnected and you
- 4 want them to reconnect the service without payment or
- 5 deposit?
- 6 MS. LINDA GORDON: No. In that -- what it
- 7 was -- in the statement I was saying that, I was not
- 8 responsible for that usage. Mr. -- I can't think of
- 9 his name he's back there now. Perez, the gentleman
- 10 right here, what is your last name?
- 11 MR. AARON JIMINEZ: Jiminez.
- 12 MS. LINDA GORDON: Jiminez. He called me. I
- 13 forgot to say that part. He called me and wanted to
- 14 work out something. This is about three months --
- 15 three months ago. He said he was going to call me
- 16 back. Of course, I wanted to be a very abreast on
- 17 who was calling me because I get all kinds of calls,
- 18 so I asked him what was his title and where he was
- 19 from, so he gave me that information. He didn't call
- 20 back. He said, Well, we can try to resolve this, but
- 21 he waited, he didn't call back until maybe like about
- 22 April. I was visiting my sister in Michigan. So

- 1 when he called back again, on the -- on the caller ID
- 2 it came up Exelon -- Exelon Company -- Energy --
- 3 Energy Company, I would imagine --
- 4 JUDGE JORGENSON: Mm-hmm.
- 5 MS. LINDA GORDON: -- so he said, Miss Gordon,
- 6 he addressed his name -- told me his name and I said,
- 7 Thank you for trying to resolve this matter. I said,
- 8 But to be honest with you, I have paid a lot and what
- 9 I had to go through, I never should have gone
- 10 through. So he said -- I said, Outside of the bill
- 11 that they wanted to pay out, which is -- came to over
- 12 \$2,000 -- and I said, Sir, to be honest with you, I
- 13 said, I called in 2015. I said, This had been going
- on, not saying -- and I am still at a loss -- not
- 15 saying that -- I want to be fair, but I want you guys
- 16 to be fair with me. That should never have been.
- 17 JUDGE JORGENSON: Okay. So just so I'm trying
- 18 to get a picture of what's going on --
- 19 MS. LINDA GORDON: Okay.
- 20 JUDGE JORGENSON: -- okay?
- 21 So you had them come out in August
- 22 2015 --

- 1 MS. LINDA GORDON: Yes.
- 2 JUDGE JORGENSON: Although you think your meter
- 3 had been acting up prior to that?
- 4 MS. LINDA GORDON: Yes, it has. Yes, Judge.
- 5 JUDGE JORGENSON: Okay. And have you been
- 6 paying your bills at all? When did you --
- 7 MS. LINDA GORDON: I was paying them until I
- 8 got so disturbed by it and I'm saying No, I didn't --
- 9 I said, I'm not going to pay something that I'm not
- 10 responsible for. So back last year, 2015, I think
- 11 that's when I made my -- I just stopped paying.
- JUDGE JORGENSON: When did you stop paying your
- 13 bills?
- 14 MS. LINDA GORDON: I think it had to be last
- 15 year. Last year around -- I was even put on a
- 16 plan -- a payment plan at times even before that and
- 17 I'm like, I've never had a problem with that --
- 18 having been put on a payment plan, but it was
- 19 exhausting my funds.
- 20 JUDGE JORGENSON: You don't know when you
- 21 stopped paying your bill?
- MS. LINDA GORDON: It had to be around about

- 1 last year at that time, around the first month of
- 2 January maybe, around January or February I think it
- 3 was.
- 4 JUDGE JORGENSON: Okay. So before you had them
- 5 come out to test the meter in August?
- 6 MS. LINDA GORDON: No. When they came and
- 7 checked it, I did make -- I think I made my last
- 8 payment. I don't know exactly the date. I don't
- 9 have it wrote (sic) down here, but when I had them
- 10 come out, it was in -- it was in -- it was in 2015.
- I have them to come out in August, so it was probably
- 12 around -- somewhere around that time or maybe a month
- 13 before that, but it was in -- last year because
- 14 when -- I had them to come out, I had them to come
- out in August -- probably a couple months before
- 16 that, a month before maybe, somewhere around there,
- 17 and I had addressed it to the -- one of the managers
- 18 I told on the phone, I don't have a problem. It's
- 19 not right to me. I said, We have to get this
- 20 resolved because I refuse to pay -- pay -- I'm not
- 21 responsible and then that's when she told me that
- 22 they were going to get back and then Mr. -- his name

- 1 is so hard to pronounce --
- JUDGE JORGENSON: Jiminez.
- 3 MS. LINDA GORDON: -- Jiminez had called.
- 4 JUDGE JORGENSON: Okay. And so what is the
- 5 resolution you want from the Commission?
- 6 MS. LINDA GORDON: Judge, my resolution is what
- 7 I said at the first hearing and I think it's only
- 8 been fair. I could go for more than this, what
- 9 happened. I can't look back. I mean, I know I won't
- 10 be able to recover a lot of my loss, at least some to
- 11 be fair and as I told the attorneys when you stepped
- 12 out at the first hearing to give us time to resolve
- 13 this and come up with a resolution --
- 14 JUDGE JORGENSON: Yeah, that's off --
- 15 MS. LINDA GORDON: -- I came up with a
- 16 hypothetical number.
- 17 JUDGE JORGENSON: That's off the record, the
- 18 settlement.
- 19 MS. LINDA GORDON: Right. And I told them that
- 20 they -- they were willing to -- I said, That's fine,
- 21 but you have to look at the years that I've been
- 22 paying exceedingly high. So to cover that up,

- 1 just -- I just gave a number. I said \$2,000 or even
- 2 a credit. It doesn't have to be the money, a credit.
- JUDGE JORGENSON: Well, I can't make up a
- 4 number for you, so I need some sort of --
- 5 MS. LINDA GORDON: I said \$2,000 and the past
- 6 due balance and not taken out my credit that was
- 7 given to me for the place -- the place that I went to
- 8 about a couple months ago to get help for my light
- 9 bill and I noticed on my light bill, that the
- 10 statement this month that I just go about three days
- 11 ago, they had taken the credit. I want that to be
- restored back to met, the \$750, not taken out, pay
- the whole bill amount and \$2,000 will be my
- 14 resolution.
- JUDGE JORGENSON: Okay. I need more specifics
- 16 on that. So you want what -- what is this credit?
- 17 You had 700 --
- MS. LINDA GORDON: The whole --
- 19 JUDGE JORGENSON: -- the whole balance, what is
- 20 that balance?
- 21 MS. LINDA GORDON: The balance should be
- 22 over -- it's like 1,700 now, that's what it says, but

- 1 it was at 24 and why is it at 24? Because -- 17
- 2 because they taken my credit that I was given for
- 3 750. I want that back restored into the account and
- 4 just pay the full amount and \$2,000 would be the
- 5 resolution to resolve all this, Judge.
- 6 JUDGE JORGENSON: So you want them to -- you
- 7 want to not owe the current balance --
- 8 MS. LINDA GORDON: Absolutely.
- 9 JUDGE JORGENSON: -- and you want --
- 10 MS. LINDA GORDON: What they --
- JUDGE JORGENSON: -- a credit of 750 as well as
- 12 a credit of \$2,000?
- 13 MS. LINDA GORDON: No. Amount for \$2,000.
- JUDGE JORGENSON: An amount --
- MS. LINDA GORDON: No, I'm saying -- I'm saying
- 16 to restore the 750 that I was given --
- 17 JUDGE JORGENSON: Who were you given the 750
- 18 by?
- MS. LINDA GORDON: You know when you go to
- 20 these hardship programs.
- JUDGE JORGENSON: LIHEAP?
- MS. LINDA GORDON: LIHEAP, you got it right,

- 1 that's it and they gave me 750, but ComEd has been
- 2 taking that and applying it towards the balance.
- 3 JUDGE JORGENSON: To pay your electric bill?
- 4 MS. LINDA GORDON: Absolutely. So I wanted
- 5 that back restored because by right, that's only fair
- 6 to me, and the amount that they want to was -- I
- 7 mean, to agree to pay the outstanding balance and the
- 8 \$2,000, which would cover me for the past years that
- 9 I was exceedingly high -- been paid high -- I mean,
- 10 overly paid and it wouldn't cover it, ma'am, Judge,
- it wouldn't cover it -- I'm going to be at a loss,
- 12 but I'm only being fair. I just gave that number --
- 13 amount. I gave that amount -- because I could easily
- 14 say more than that. It's been going on for a while.
- JUDGE JORGENSON: All right. Just so --
- 16 again --
- 17 MS. LINDA GORDON: Yes, Judge.
- 18 JUDGE JORGENSON: -- you want whatever you
- 19 currently owe --
- MS. LINDA GORDON: Yes, Judge.
- 21 JUDGE JORGENSON: -- zeroed out essentially --
- 22 MS. LINDA GORDON: Yes, zeroed out, yes, Judge.

- 1 JUDGE JORGENSON: -- which is either 1,700 or
- 2 2,400 or something --
- 3 MS. LINDA GORDON: That's correct, Judge.
- 4 JUDGE JORGENSON: -- you don't have the
- 5 amounts? Do you have any bills with you or amounts
- 6 or no?
- 7 MS. LINDA GORDON: Yeah. Which ones do you
- 8 want? The latest one?
- 9 JUDGE JORGENSON: Whatever you want to enter as
- 10 proof of what you owe --
- 11 MS. LINDA GORDON: Right. Okay.
- 12 JUDGE JORGENSON: -- and what you want --
- 13 MS. LINDA GORDON: Okay. That's fine.
- 14 JUDGE JORGENSON: -- an actual amount because I
- 15 need amounts.
- MS. LINDA GORDON: That's fine.
- 17 This is the one that's current, this
- 18 came to me and you can see in the bottom of that,
- it's little writing they show on the back.
- 20 JUDGE JORGENSON: These are bills that you
- 21 essentially want to enter as part of the record?
- MS. LINDA GORDON: Right. Mm-hmm.

- JUDGE JORGENSON: Okay. I'm going to briefly
- 2 step out and make five copies.
- 3 (Break taken.)
- 4 MS. LINDA GORDON: I'm sorry, that was the
- 5 latest.
- 6 JUDGE JORGENSON: This is another document?
- 7 MS. LINDA GORDON: That's the latest.
- 8 JUDGE JORGENSON: Any further bills you intend
- 9 today?
- 10 MS. LINDA GORDON: That's it. That should
- 11 cover it. I have more bills but those are the ones
- 12 that's the full amount.
- 13 (Break taken.)
- 14 JUDGE JORGENSON: We briefly went off the
- 15 record to make some copies of some bills that
- 16 Miss Gordon would like to enter into evidence.
- 17 Can you please bring those up and
- 18 we'll just -- the copies that you want to enter.
- 19 MS. LINDA GORDON: Tendering.
- 20 JUDGE JORGENSON: They seemed to be three
- 21 separate bills. We'll go through these one at a
- 22 time.

- 1 We'll begin with the first -- it looks
- 2 like the earliest date to bill, I'm looking at what
- 3 she's given me, is a ComEd bill for Miss Gordon at
- 4 Unit 2226, 300 North State Street. It says, Service
- 5 from 2/8/16 through 3/7/16. I'm going to mark this
- 6 as Complainant's Exhibit 1.
- 7 (Whereupon, Complainant's
- 8 Exhibit No. 1 was
- 9 marked for identification.)
- 10 MS. LINDA GORDON: Judge, I have a question.
- 11 JUDGE JORGENSON: Yes.
- 12 MS. LINDA GORDON: You know what, I have bills
- for 2015 and '16. I mean, the ones I gave you was
- 14 the most recent ones, but I do have the ones for the
- 15 2015.
- 16 JUDGE JORGENSON: Year?
- 17 MS. LINDA GORDON: Pardon me? Yeah, I have the
- 18 ones -- I also have the ones, if you needed them, you
- 19 know, for the 2015, some of the old ones.
- 20 JUDGE JORGENSON: That's up to you what you
- 21 would like to prove your claim that you were being
- 22 overcharged.

- 1 MS. LINDA GORDON: Yeah, I think I should,
- 2 yeah, I really do think I should those ones also
- 3 because those are the ones for 2016. I didn't give
- 4 you any for 2015, I think that's really important as
- 5 well.
- JUDGE JORGENSON: Okay.
- 7 MS. LINDA GORDON: I'm sorry, I should have
- 8 just...
- 9 JUDGE JORGENSON: While you're looking through
- 10 your bills I'm going to mark for identification as
- 11 Complainant's Exhibit -- this is one is not
- 12 stamped -- oh, yes, it is -- I'm going to mark as
- 13 Complainant's -- for identification as Complainant's
- 14 Exhibit 2, the bill that is dated -- a ComEd bill for
- 15 Miss Gordon for 300 North State Street address, Unit
- 16 2226, and this is service from 4/6/16 through 5/3/16
- it will be Complainant's Exhibit 2.
- 18 (Whereupon, Complainant's
- 19 Exhibit No. 2 was
- 20 marked for identification.)
- 21 JUDGE JORGENSON: And for identification, I'm
- 22 going to mark this ComEd bill for Miss Gordon at

- 1 300 North State Street, Unit 2226, which has a --
- 2 service from 6/2/16 through 7/1/16. This will be
- 3 marked for identification as Complainant's Exhibit 3.
- 4 (Whereupon, Complainant's
- 5 Exhibit No. 3 was
- 6 marked for identification.)
- 7 JUDGE JORGENSON: Your bills?
- 8 MS. LINDA GORDON: Yes. Yes. Thank you.
- 9 JUDGE JORGENSON: I will be stepping out again
- 10 to make some more copies.
- 11 (Break taken.)
- 12 JUDGE JORGENSON: The copier is not working, so
- there are two bills and will not be part of the
- 14 record, they will not be entered into the record.
- These are the ones I was able to make copies of.
- Unless there are objections, to save
- 17 time, I'm going to mark this stack as one exhibit.
- 18 MS. GRAHAM: No objection to that, your Honor.
- 19 (Whereupon, Complainant's
- 20 Exhibit No. 4 was
- 21 marked for identification.)
- JUDGE JORGENSON: Okay. I've marked for

- 1 identification Complainant's Exhibit 4. Exhibit 4 is
- 2 a stack of bills. The bill on top is a bill from
- 3 ComEd to Linda Gordon, Unit 2226 at 300 North State
- 4 Street. It states service 3/9/15 to 4/8/15. This
- 5 Exhibit consists of bills from various dates and is
- 6 13 pages, which are 13 hard copy pages, but they are
- 7 put -- there's printing on both sides.
- 8 All right. Miss Gordon, do you intend
- 9 to submit these as exhibits?
- 10 MS. LINDA GORDON: Yes, ma'am. Yes, Judge.
- JUDGE JORGENSON: Okay. I've marked them for
- 12 identification.
- 13 Are there any objections?
- 14 MS. GRAHAM: Yes, Judge. To the extent that
- these documents are business records of ComEd, there
- 16 is no objection. The documents speak for themselves.
- 17 However, I will point out that there's some
- 18 handwritten notes on some of the exhibits. By way of
- 19 example, Exhibit No. 1 has handwriting on it. There
- 20 is no foundation for any of those comments and so we
- 21 would object to that being taken into account. It is
- 22 also hearsay. So we object to the handwritten notes.

- 1 JUDGE JORGENSON: Are these all of your -- is
- this all of your handwriting?
- 3 MS. LINDA GORDON: Yes, Judge.
- 4 JUDGE JORGENSON: Okay. This is all of your
- 5 handwriting and, therefore, I'm just going to
- 6 overrule the objection and I will allow the
- 7 handwriting in for what it is.
- 8 Okay. Miss Gordon, your bills will
- 9 be -- Complainant's Exhibits 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be
- 10 admitted into the record.
- 11 (Whereupon, Complainant's
- 12 Exhibit Nos. 1 through 4 were
- admitted into evidence.)
- JUDGE JORGENSON: Can you please tell me what
- 15 these exhibits purport to show? How they support
- 16 your claim?
- 17 MS. LINDA GORDON: Yes. The bills itself?
- 18 JUDGE JORGENSON: Yes.
- 19 MS. LINDA GORDON: Because those are the ones I
- 20 had -- happened to keep for some reason, you know,
- 21 because I normally -- when I pay a bill, I get rid of
- 22 it. So ironically, I just had those in my files and

- 1 I was going over them and when I went to go over them
- when the first guy came out, Mr. Barrette (phonetic),
- 3 you know, I showed him, he wanted me to -- you know,
- 4 she wanted me to show him a bill that he would show
- 5 me the fluctuation of the meter bars that's on the
- 6 bills. So once again, I happened to keep them and
- 7 that's showing that those particular months that I
- 8 was billed for, I know that I did not use that --
- 9 that type of electricity because half the time I
- 10 wasn't even -- too much even on.
- 11 And another thing, Judge, is to show
- 12 the -- also I wanted to include them -- just to show
- 13 the -- once again, the difference at the fluctuation
- of the months from my bills that I was -- I mean, the
- 15 time that I was billed for those -- those periods and
- 16 the meter -- I think it's called the -- yeah, it
- 17 shows -- yeah, the center of it, it showed the bars
- 18 and it showed you the guy -- the tech -- the senior
- 19 tech tried to explain to me and I knew exactly what
- 20 he was trying to tell me. He was saying that should
- 21 never be. He told me to keep an eye on it and it was
- 22 good that I kept the bills to show that -- the way it

- 1 was fluctuating from the bars, that would show the
- 2 usage and he said, That's a way of saying that was
- 3 another way of saying something was going on. That
- 4 was not -- you know, that was unlawful.
- 5 JUDGE JORGENSON: Okay. Is there anything
- 6 further you would like to enter into the evidence?
- 7 MS. LINDA GORDON: Mainly, I just have the
- 8 photos that were taken of the meters and the -- that
- 9 was the most and foremost important and the bills
- 10 that --
- JUDGE JORGENSON: You still need to enter those
- 12 into evidence? We have not done that yet.
- 13 MS. LINDA GORDON: Yeah, I want to enter that
- 14 all the pictures here of the evidence of the photos
- 15 that were taken of the meters.
- 16 JUDGE JORGENSON: Okay. Will you please bring
- 17 me -- provide a copy of what you would like to enter
- 18 into evidence to them and bring me --
- 19 MS. LINDA GORDON: Actually all of them.
- 20 JUDGE JORGENSON: There should be five copies.
- MS. LINDA GORDON: Yeah, I have five as you
- 22 told me.

- 1 JUDGE JORGENSON: Give one copy to her and
- 2 bring the other four up here.
- Exhibit Nos. 5 through 9 were
- 5 marked for identification.)
- 6 JUDGE JORGENSON: All right. I've marked for
- 7 identification copies of photographs Exhibits 5, 6,
- 8 7, 8 and 9.
- 9 Would you please tell us what these
- 10 photographs are.
- MS. LINDA GORDON: They're photographs are
- 12 photos that were taken in August of 2015 of the
- 13 meters -- the meter that was unsealed and unlocked
- 14 and then the technician -- the first technician,
- 15 senior tech -- had me to take those pictures and I've
- 16 taken the pictures. All of them were taken on the
- 17 first visit.
- 18 JUDGE JORGENSON: Okay. So you took these
- 19 pictures yourself?
- 20 MS. LINDA GORDON: Yes. Yes, I did.
- JUDGE JORGENSON: And it was August 2015?
- MS. LINDA GORDON: Yes, Judge.

- 1 JUDGE JORGENSON: Whatever date of the month
- 2 the technician came out?
- 3 MS. LINDA GORDON: Yes, Judge.
- 4 JUDGE JORGENSON: Do the pictures fairly and
- 5 accurately represent the meter and it was on that
- 6 date?
- 7 MS. LINDA GORDON: Yes, Judge. Yes.
- 8 JUDGE JORGENSON: Is there any objection to
- 9 admitting these photos?
- 10 MS. GRAHAM: No objection.
- JUDGE JORGENSON: All right. Complainant's
- 12 Exhibit 5 through 9 will be admitted.
- 13 (Whereupon, Complainant's
- 14 Exhibit Nos. 5 through 9 were
- admitted into evidence.)
- 16 JUDGE JORGENSON: Anything further you would
- 17 like to state?
- MS. LINDA GORDON: No, that's about pretty much
- 19 what, you know, of what you asked me earlier about
- 20 the resolution and I've told you that.
- JUDGE JORGENSON: Okay. And you say you want
- 22 to not owe whatever your current balance is?

- 1 MS. LINDA GORDON: Right. The outstanding
- 2 balance.
- JUDGE JORGENSON: And you want a credit for
- 4 \$750 --
- 5 MS. LINDA GORDON: 750 and \$2,000 for what I've
- 6 gone through.
- 7 JUDGE JORGENSON: -- \$2,000 --
- 8 MS. LINDA GORDON: Right.
- 9 JUDGE JORGENSON: -- on top of that noncredit
- 10 but a payment?
- MS. LINDA GORDON: For a payment --
- 12 JUDGE JORGENSON: I see.
- MS. LINDA GORDON: -- to cover for anything
- 14 that was out, you know --
- JUDGE JORGENSON: But do you but you don't have
- any basis for that amount, the \$2,000?
- 17 MS. LINDA GORDON: What would I want that for?
- JUDGE JORGENSON: How did you come up with that
- 19 amount of money?
- 20 MS. LINDA GORDON: The reason why, Judge, as I
- 21 told you earlier, is that back in 2013 -- I know it's
- been going on, it's just I didn't take the time and

- 1 what brought it out even more was my neighbor had
- 2 came out and he was telling me about, you know, that
- 3 his bills -- I mean, his -- you know, he was asking
- 4 me questions and I felt very -- that really brought
- 5 me into calling and seeing what was going on, just
- 6 things I wasn't taking care of because I had so much
- 7 on my plate back in the past and that even brought it
- 8 up even more to --
- 9 JUDGE JORGENSON: So you think you've been
- 10 overcharged and --
- 11 MS. LINDA GORDON: Yes.
- 12 JUDGE JORGENSON: -- you're estimating that the
- \$2,000 would cover your overcharges?
- 14 MS. LINDA GORDON: Right. It wouldn't really
- 15 cover it, but just being fair, you know, to cover
- 16 some -- some of it. I've been more than fair.
- 17 JUDGE JORGENSON: Okay. I'm going to allow
- 18 Miss Graham to cross-examine you and ask you
- 19 questions now.
- MS. GRAHAM: No questions, Judge.
- JUDGE JORGENSON: Okay. Okay. I have no
- 22 further questions for you. If you have nothing

- 1 further you would like to state, I'm going to turn
- the floor over to ComEd and they will present their
- 3 case.
- 4 MS. LINDA GORDON: Okay. Sure.
- 5 MS. GRAHAM: Okay, Judge, I'd like to call our
- 6 first witness. This is Miss Erica Rios.
- 7 JUDGE JORGENSON: All right. Miss Rios, please
- 8 raise your right hand.
- 9 (Witness sworn.)
- 10 JUDGE JORGENSON: All right. Miss Rios, I am
- 11 going to have you come up here to the stand, please.
- 12 ERICA RIOS,
- 13 called as a witness herein, having been first duly
- 14 sworn, was examined and testified as follows:
- 15 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 16 BY
- 17 MS. GRAHAM:
- 18 Q Miss Rios, could you please spell your name
- 19 for the record.
- 20 A My first name is Erica, E-r-i-c-a, last
- 21 name is Rios, R-i-o-s.
- 22 Q And what is your job title at ComEd?

- 1 A Currently my job titled is a senior
- 2 supervisor in our Care Center.
- 3 Q Could you please generally describe your
- 4 duties and responsibilities?
- 5 A I'm responsible for direct supervision of
- 6 our Customer Service representatives, approximately
- 7 25 of them, and dealing with customers on a daily
- 8 basis in regards to any issues they may call the Care
- 9 Center with.
- 10 O And you were asked to review Miss Gordon's
- 11 account and formal complaint in preparation for
- 12 today's hearing; correct?
- 13 A Yes.
- Q Okay. Now, I'm going to hand you some
- documents.
- MS. GRAHAM: Judge, may I approach?
- 17 JUDGE JORGENSON: Yes.
- 18 BY MS. GRAHAM:
- 19 Q I'm going to hand you what has been marked
- 20 as ComEd Exhibit No. 1.
- 21 Can you please describe what that is?
- 22 A This is an Activity Statement for

- 1 Miss Linda Gordon at 300 North State Street,
- 2 Apartment 2226 in Chicago, Illinois, 60654.
- 3 Q And what's the date on that Activity
- 4 Statement?
- 5 A The date it was printed was July 5th, 2016.
- 6 Q And what time period does it cover?
- 7 A From July 2nd, 2014 until current, July 1st
- 8 of 2016.
- 9 Q And is this a business record kept in the
- 10 ordinary course of business at ComEd that you have
- 11 access to as part of your job?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q What is the current balance on the account?
- 14 A Currently there is no balance on the
- 15 account. There is \$243.29 credit.
- 16 Q Okay. So if you turn to Page 3 of that
- 17 exhibit, there are a series of charges, some credits,
- 18 et cetera, that have happened near the end there.
- 19 Could you please explain that for the
- 20 record?
- 21 A Okay. So on Page 3 in this -- where it
- 22 states -- I'll go under April 6th of 2016 where it

- 1 says, The regular bill. Her total amount of the bill
- 2 at that time was \$2,246.43.
- 3 She then received another bill which
- 4 will be in line item May 3rd of 2016. So her total
- 5 amount at that date was \$2,340.42.
- 6 On April 4th of 2016, Miss Gordon went
- 7 on a payment agreement and the total amount in the
- 8 payment agreement is \$1,965.42. The reason it is
- 9 less than the May 3rddate is there was a \$375 deposit
- 10 that was canceled and that is -- if you want to look
- 11 up on Page 3 where it says, March 7th, deposit
- 12 canceled, 125; bottom of Page 2 of February 8th,
- 13 2016, canceled deposit and January 7th, 2016,
- 14 canceled deposit. Those were three amounts and 125
- which equals the 375. So the total amount that she
- 16 went on her payment agreement for \$1,965.42.
- 17 On May 25th she received what we call
- 18 a ComEd residential hard -- special hardship in the
- 19 amount of \$750. So it has her two bills, her
- 20 June 2nd bill and her February 1st bill has
- 21 subtracted from that \$750 and that leaves her her
- credit remaining at the moment of 243.29.

- 1 Q So you said she has a credit of 243.29, but
- 2 that's not really -- it doesn't sound like from what
- 3 you said what is actually owed since there's this
- 4 payment agreement; is that correct?
- 5 A Correct.
- 6 Q What is the payment history on this
- 7 account, in general?
- 8 A In general, it's very sporadic. There
- 9 hasn't been any payments since approximately August
- of 2015 and prior to that, it was sporadic as well.
- 11 Q Okay. And who was Miss Gordon's supplier
- 12 from it looks like roughly July of 2015, through
- 13 August of 2015?
- 14 A She had a residential supplier of
- 15 Constellation Energy Services.
- 16 Q I'm going to hand you what has been marked
- 17 as ComEd Exhibit No. 2.
- 18 Can you please describe what this is
- 19 for the record?
- 20 A For the record, this is a meter reading
- 21 history for Meter No. 272061977.
- 22 Q And what time period does this document

- 1 cover?
- 2 A From June of 2014 until July of 2016.
- 3 Q Looking at that document, can you tell how
- 4 many meter readings are estimated reads?
- 5 A Zero.
- 6 Q If you look at the date of April 12th,
- 7 2016, it looks like the meter was exchanged; is that
- 8 correct?
- 9 A That is correct.
- 10 Q And is there currently a smart meter at the
- 11 residence?
- 12 A That is correct.
- 13 Q Based on your review of the account billing
- 14 history and the meter reading history, is there any
- 15 errors in the billing of this customer?
- 16 A No.
- 17 Q Do you have anything further to add?
- 18 A No, do not.
- 19 MS. GRAHAM: I have no further questions,
- 20 Judge.
- JUDGE JORGENSON: Would you like to move these
- 22 into evidence?

- 1 MS. GRAHAM: I would like to move Exhibit No. 1
- 2 and Exhibit No. 2 into evidence.
- JUDGE JORGENSON: Any objections, Miss Gordon?
- 4 MS. LINDA GORDON: No, Judge.
- 5 JUDGE JORGENSON: Okay. ComEd Exhibits 1 and 2
- 6 will be admitted.
- 7 (Whereupon, ComEd
- 8 Exhibit Nos. 1 and 2 were
- 9 admitted into evidence.)
- 10 JUDGE JORGENSON: Miss Gordon, do you have any
- 11 questions for Miss Rios?
- 12 MS. LINDA GORDON: No, not at this time.
- 13 JUDGE JORGENSON: Okay. I have no questions
- 14 for you. You may be excused.
- 15 THE WITNESS: Thank you.
- 16 JUDGE JORGENSON: Okay.
- 17 MS. GRAHAM: We would like to call our next
- 18 witness, Mr. Ignacio Terrazas.
- 19 JUDGE JORGENSON: Mr. Terrazas, please raise
- 20 your right hand.
- 21 (Witness sworn.)
- JUDGE JORGENSON: You may proceed.

- 1 IGNACIO TERRAZAS,
- 2 called as a witness herein, having been first duly
- 3 sworn, was examined and testified as follows:
- 4 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 5 BY
- 6 MS. GRAHAM:
- 7 Q Can you please state your name for the
- 8 record and spell it, please.
- 9 A First name Ignacio, last name Terrazas,
- 10 I-g-n-a-c-i-o, last name is T-e-r-r-a-z-a-s.
- 11 Q And what is your title at ComEd?
- 12 A I'm a senior supervisor for our Field and
- 13 Meter Service Department.
- 14 Q How long have you held this position?
- 15 A Two years.
- 16 Q And how long have you worked for ComEd?
- 17 A 15 years.
- 18 MS. GRAHAM: Judge, may I approach the witness?
- 19 JUDGE JORGENSON: Yes.
- 20 BY MS. GRAHAM:
- 21 Q I'm going to hand you what has been marked
- 22 as ComEd Group Exhibit 3.

- 1 Can you please tell us whether you
- 2 recognize this exhibit?
- 3 A Yes, I do recognize it.
- 4 Q Is this a company record kept in the
- 5 ordinary course of business at ComEd which you have
- 6 access to as part of your job?
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 Q Can you please explain what this exhibit
- 9 is? Let's start with Page No. 1 of Group Exhibit 3.
- 10 Can you please explain what that is?
- 11 A Sure. This is the Completion Comments for
- 12 the meter test that was conducted for Miss Gordon.
- 13 Q Can you tell me what date this test was
- 14 performed?
- 15 A The completion time was August 28th.
- Q Where do you sea that on the document?
- 17 Could you point that out for the record, please.
- 18 A Sure. It's towards the very top
- 19 underneath -- or right next to where it says Field
- 20 Meter Order.
- 21 Q And what were the results of this meter
- 22 test?

- 1 A The first test that was conducted was
- 2 conducted at an accuracy level of 100 percent --
- 3 100.25 percent and the second meter test that was
- 4 conducted on the meter was at 99.93 percent accurate.
- 5 Q And is this within the limits established
- 6 by the Illinois Commerce Commission?
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 Q So was the meter functioning properly based
- 9 on this test?
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 Q If you look towards the bottom of the
- document, there's a completion comment section.
- 13 Could you please read what that says for the record?
- 14 A It says, Found no tampering or foreign
- 15 load. Completed order.
- Q Can you please explain what that comment
- 17 means?
- 18 A Sure. Found no tampering. For a high bill
- 19 complaint or tampering acquisition, the tech does
- 20 initial vision inspection of the meter fitting to see
- 21 if there's any up legal taps or if somebody has
- tapped into her line some how which takes out use of

- 1 her electricity. Also to see if there's any
- 2 tampering with the actual meter and the mechanical
- 3 devices inside the meter. The tech completed that
- 4 and was -- found that there was no tampering to
- 5 either the internal components of the meter fitting
- 6 as well as the actual meter.
- 7 Q So the seal, if it was broken, would that
- 8 necessarily mean that there's tampering with the
- 9 meter?
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 Q Yes, there would be tampering if the seal
- was broken?
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 O But in this case?
- 15 A Oh, I'm sorry, the actual meter seal?
- 16 Q Yes. Does it --
- 17 A No --
- 18 Q -- necessarily mean --
- 19 A -- it does not.
- 20 Q -- tampering --
- 21 A No.
- 22 Q -- has messed with -- excuse me, tampered

- 1 with?
- 2 A No, it does not mean that.
- 3 Q Okay. So again, looking at this document,
- 4 the person who went out there made this note, Found
- 5 no tampering?
- 6 A Correct.
- 7 Q Let's turn to Page 2 of ComEd Group Exhibit
- 8 No. 3.
- 9 Can you please explain what this is?
- 10 A The second sheet here, it basically breaks
- 11 down the actual meter test. It breaks it down into
- 12 different categories of the usage as far as whether
- it's single phase service, the size of meter, it has
- 14 the kilowatt reading on there as well.
- Okay. And what is the date of -- that this
- 16 document was created, can you tell that from looking
- 17 at the document?
- 18 A It was created on August 14th, 2015.
- 19 Q And then there's -- next to that it says,
- 20 Dispatch Time and En Route Time and On Site Time.
- 21 Can you please say what those are and what that
- 22 means?

- 1 A Sure. It -- so, basically, this particular
- 2 order was assigned to the tech on August 28th of
- 3 2015. The en route time is when the tech actually
- 4 obtained it and was actually en route to the
- 5 customer's unit and that was on August 28th, 2015, at
- 6 12:02 p.m.
- 7 Q I'd like to draw your attention to the
- 8 portion of the exhibit that says, Issuance Comments.
- 9 Could you please read what those comments are and
- 10 what that means?
- 11 A Sure. Linda M. Gordon at (312) 399-5560,
- 12 customer requires meter test. Mr. Web scheduled for
- 13 August 28th, 2015. Customer wants to be present for
- 14 meter test.
- 15 Q And then drawing your attention to what
- 16 looks like it says, Completion Comments. Could you
- 17 please what that says and what that means for the
- 18 record?
- 19 A Sure. Found no tampering or foreign load
- 20 completed order.
- 21 Q Can you please explain that?
- 22 A Sure. For -- once again, for the high bill

- 1 request, we look for any tampering. So there was no
- 2 tampering. Again, they conduct visual inspections of
- 3 the meter fitting as well as the actual meter and
- 4 there was no tampering found.
- 5 Q And what does it mean that there's no
- 6 foreign load?
- 7 A No foreign load means that there's --
- 8 nobody else tapped into her line that we can visually
- 9 see. However, there might be some -- maybe some
- 10 wiring issues within the building that is not ComEd's
- 11 responsibility, but based off of the information that
- 12 we see and that we test for, there was no foreign
- 13 load.
- 14 O Okay. And I'd like to draw your attention
- now to Page 3 of ComEd Group Exhibit No. 3. Could
- 16 you please explain what this is for the record?
- 17 A Yes. This is the completion order --
- 18 Completion Data Report for the first meter test.
- 19 Q Okay. Can you please explain what the date
- 20 is and what the Issuance Comments and Completion
- 21 Comments are for this order?
- 22 A Sure. The date of creation was July 14th,

- 1 2015 and the Issuance Comments state, Per customer,
- 2 disagrees with previous high bill reread from
- 3 previous results on 5/6. She would like to meet with
- 4 the tech to go over the actual reading this time
- 5 around, Linda M. Gordon (312) 399-5560.
- 6 Q And what are the Completion Comments?
- 7 A The completion Comments state, Verified
- 8 meter No. 2 order. Found meter seal broken.
- 9 Resealed the meter. Spoke with customer. Took
- 10 readings. No sign of tampering.
- 11 Q Can you please explain what those
- 12 Completion Comments mean?
- 13 A Sure. The tech arrived at the location,
- 14 visually saw that the meter seal was broken. The
- 15 tech resealed the meter, spoke with the customer.
- 16 The last input was no signs of tampering. He came to
- 17 that conclusion by conducting a visual inspection of
- 18 the internal components of the meter fitting as well
- 19 as the meter.
- 20 Q Okay. And just to recap what your title is
- 21 at ComEd, I don't know that you went over your duties
- 22 and responsibilities.

- 1 How are you familiar with these
- 2 records based on your experience at ComEd?
- 3 A I supervise a group of 65 energy
- 4 technicians, both senior and ETs -- energy
- 5 technicians -- and basically I am responsible for the
- 6 every day functionalities and review of particular
- 7 accounts, high bill complaints, we field new business
- 8 orders and various requests from other organizations.
- 9 Q Is there anything else you would like to
- 10 point out looking at ComEd Group Exhibit No. 3?
- 11 A No.
- 12 MS. GRAHAM: No further questions. We'd like
- 13 to move Exhibit No. 3 into evidence?
- 14 JUDGE JORGENSON: Any objections, Miss Gordon?
- 15 MS. LINDA GORDON: No.
- 16 JUDGE JORGENSON: All right. Group Exhibit --
- 17 ComEd Group Exhibit No. 3 will be admitted.
- 18 (Whereupon, ComEd
- 19 Group Exhibit No. 3 was
- admitted into evidence.)
- JUDGE JORGENSON: Do you have any questions for
- this witness, Miss Gordon?

- 1 MS. LINDA GORDON: No, I don't have any.
- 2 EXAMINATION
- 3 BY
- 4 JUDGE JORGENSON:
- 5 Q Mr. Terrazas, did I say that right?
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q Have you done meter testing yourself?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q And you've been out in the field and done
- 10 tests -- standard tests and filled out these forms?
- 11 A The forms are not filled out by myself,
- 12 they are filled out by my employees. I do partake in
- 13 several high bill complaints and foreign load tests
- 14 as well.
- MS. LINDA GORDON: Judge, I'm sorry. I do have
- 16 one.
- 17 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 18 BY
- MS. LINDA GORDON:
- 21 to do the testing and whatever you found, that the
- 22 resorts (sic) of the readings that I have here that I

- 1 received from the attorney here, I still find it hard
- 2 to believe, as I said in the first hearing with
- 3 the -- her partner, the -- your partner, the other
- 4 guy that was here with you the first time for the
- 5 hearing, that not only where I'm -- where I've lived
- 6 for over 20 -- over 20 years, that I find it very
- 7 hard to even when neighbors of mine are saying the
- 8 same thing, meter readers comes (sic) out, period,
- 9 they come out. For them not to have noticed that
- 10 seal unlocked and not to report it, that should have
- 11 been reported.
- 12 JUDGE JORGENSON: Do you have a question for
- 13 this witness? A question?
- MS. LINDA GORDON: That's about it.
- JUDGE JORGENSON: Do you have a question for
- 16 this witness?
- 17 MS. LINDA GORDON: Oh, no, that's about it? Do
- 18 I have a question for what now?
- 19 JUDGE JORGENSON: For cross-examination. Do
- 20 you have a guestion for this witness?
- 21 MS. LINDA GORDON: No, that's about it. That's
- 22 all I wanted to say. No.

- 1 JUDGE JORGENSON: Okay. Nothing further. You
- 2 may be excused.
- 3 Any further witnesses?
- 4 MS. GRAHAM: That's all we have, Judge. We
- 5 rest our case.
- 6 JUDGE JORGENSON: Miss Gordon, would you like
- 7 to make any final statement?
- 8 MS. LINDA GORDON: No, not at this time. I
- 9 pretty much covered everything. Thank you, Judge.
- 10 MS. GRAHAM: I think we've covered everything
- 11 as well, Judge.
- 12 JUDGE JORGENSON: All right. Miss Gordon, what
- will happen now is I will wait and receive the
- 14 transcript and go over the evidence and review it. I
- 15 will issue a proposed order.
- MS. LINDA GORDON: Okay.
- 17 JUDGE JORGENSON: The proposed order is
- 18 essentially my recommendation --
- 19 MS. LINDA GORDON: Okay.
- 20 JUDGE JORGENSON: -- on how this should be
- 21 resolved.
- MS. LINDA GORDON: Okay.

- 1 JUDGE JORGENSON: There will be a date at end
- of the proposed order for you to file any comments
- 3 regarding the order.
- 4 MS. LINDA GORDON: Okay.
- 5 JUDGE JORGENSON: It's called a brief on
- 6 exceptions.
- 7 MS. LINDA GORDON: Okay.
- JUDGE JORGENSON: Okay?
- 9 MS. LINDA GORDON: All right.
- 10 JUDGE JORGENSON: So you need to file -- if you
- 11 want to write a brief on exceptions, the date that
- 12 you will need to file it will be on the proposed
- 13 order.
- MS. LINDA GORDON: Okay.
- JUDGE JORGENSON: If briefs on exceptions are
- 16 filed, I will take those and then the proposed order
- 17 and -- will go to the Commission and the five
- 18 commissioners will vote on it.
- 19 MS. LINDA GORDON: Okay. Sounds good.
- 20 JUDGE JORGENSON: And they will have the final
- 21 decision.
- MS. LINDA GORDON: Okay. That's good. Thank

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     you.
           JUDGE JORGENSON: Okay? If there is nothing
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     further for the record today, I'll go ahead and mark
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     the record here and taken.
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          MS. GRAHAM: Thank you, Judge.
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